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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A ratcheting spud wrench, comprising:

2 a shaft having an elongate main body with a fastener gripping end, a hole aligning end, a top surface
3 and a bottom surface;

4 an elongate, milled slot extending along said bottom surface of said main body;

5 a magnetic strip disposed inside of said milled slot;

6 a generally flat oval aligning portion disposed on said hole aligning end adapted for passing through
7 bolt receiving flange holes of interconnecting steel structural beams for aligning the flange holes of the
8 interconnecting beams so that a single bolt may pass through the flange holes of the interconnecting beams;
9 and

10 a ratchet head disposed on said fastener gripping end having a center through hole for receiving a
11 bolt and a bolt fastener, and a gripping portion disposed around the periphery of said center through hole
12 for gripping the bolt fastener;

13 whereby said shaft is turnable to apply torque to the bolt fastener to tighten or loosen the bolt
14 positioned inside of the aligned holes of the steel beams so that a separate ratcheting wrench is not
15 necessary when aligning and securing interconnecting steel beams.

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1 Claim 2. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 1, wherein the width of said main body
2 is larger at said fastener engaging end than at said hole aligning end so that as you move along said main
3 body from said fastener engaging end to said hole aligning end the width of said main body continuously
4 increases.

Claims 3 and 4. (*Canceled*)

1 Claim 5. (*Currently Amended*) ~~The A~~ ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 1, further comprising:
2 a shaft having an elongate main body with a fastener gripping end, a hole aligning end, a top surface
3 and a bottom surface;
4 a generally flat oval aligning portion disposed on said hole aligning end adapted for passing through
5 bolt receiving flange holes of interconnecting steel structural beams for aligning the flange holes of the
6 interconnecting beams so that a single bolt may pass through the flange holes of the interconnecting beams;
7 a ratchet head disposed on said fastener gripping end having a center through hole for receiving a
8 bolt and a bolt fastener, and a gripping portion disposed around the periphery of said center through hole
9 for gripping the bolt fastener; and
10 a reaming portion having a plurality of cutting edges for reaming holes;
11 whereby said shaft is turnable to apply torque to the bolt fastener to tighten or loosen the bolt
12 positioned inside of the aligned holes of the steel beams so that a separate ratcheting wrench is not
13 necessary when aligning and securing interconnecting steel beams.

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1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 5, further comprising a hole sizing
2 collar slidably disposed along said main body to prevent said reaming portion from reaming a hole beyond
3 a specific point.

1 Claim 7. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 1, wherein said ratchet head is
2 magnetized to improve gripping of fasteners.

1 Claim 8. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 1, wherein said gripping portion
2 comprises a plurality of gripping teeth.

1 Claim 9. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 1, wherein said gripping portion
2 comprises a four sided square gripping portion.

1 Claim 10. (*Original*) The ratcheting head according to claim 1, wherein said gripping portion comprises
2 an eight sided octagonal gripping portion.

1 Claim 11. (*Original*) The ratcheting head according to claim 1, further comprising a wrench stop collar
2 for preventing the ratchet head from slipping off of the fastener held by said gripping portion.

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1 Claim 12. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 11, wherein said wrench stop collar
2 comprises a circular plate having a center through hole disposed on a top surface of said ratchet head.

1 Claim 13. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 11, wherein said collar is fixedly
2 secured to said ratchet head.

1 Claim 14. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 11, wherein said collar is removably
2 secured to said ratchet head.

1 Claim 15. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 13, wherein said collar is welded onto
2 said ratchet head.

1 Claim 16. (*Original*) The ratcheting spud wrench according to claim 13, wherein said collar is secured
2 to said ratchet head by a chemical adhesive.